

Danville Police Department



Community Policing

A Philosophy and Organizational Strategy

Community policing is a philosophy and an organizational strategy that promotes police/community partnerships and problem solving strategies. Community policing redefines the roles and relationships between the police and the community to require shared ownership, shared decision-making, and shared accountability.

It shifts the focus of police work from a solely reactive mode by supplementing traditional law enforcement methods with proactive problem solving approaches that involve the community as well as the police.

"Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies, which support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques, to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime."

- COPS Office, Department of Justice

The Community's Role

The entire community is responsible for public safety, not just the police. Community policing recognizes a shared responsibility and connection between the police and community in making Danville a safer, more livable city.

Community policing requires residents and business owners to get involved by taking ownership of their neighborhoods, by attending neighborhood crime prevention meetings, and to be proactive in practicing crime prevention measures.

Community policing requires a greater level of communication and information exchange between each other and the police.



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